



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

To: Town Council

From: Matt Hart, Town Manager

Date: December 11, 2018

CC: H. Rubino-Turco

Subject: Resolution (Hart) to Appropriate a State of Connecticut Urban Act Grant in the Amount of \$750,000 for Renovation and Rehabilitation Improvements at Wolcott Park. (717)

Background: At the September 20, 2018 Bond Commission meeting, the State of Connecticut awarded a \$750,000 Urban Act grant to the Town for Wolcott Park improvements, including but not limited to: an upgrade to the Park's lighting infrastructure; construction of a code-compliant accessible restroom building; re-design of existing parking lots; improvements to trails and walkways throughout the Park; replacement of playground equipment and splash pad; improvements and replacement of fencing at the Community Garden; and improvements and replacement of park signage.

Operational and Financial Impact: Receipt of this award would not impact operations. The current Capital Improvement Program includes \$500,000 for work at Wolcott Park (\$300,000 in FY 2019 and \$200,000 in FY 2020), which would be used in conjunction with the grant award to complete the planned project. Town Council adoption of this resolution would have a direct fiscal impact on the fiscal year 2018/19 budget of the Capital Projects Fund. Estimated revenue from the State grant would increase \$750,000 with a corresponding appropriation for park improvements.

Legal Review: The Office of the Corporation Counsel has reviewed and approved the form and legality of the proposed resolution.

Project Schedule: The grant period would run five years following date of the execution of the grant assistance agreement.

Recommendation: In order to receive the grant funds for this important project, staff recommends Council approval of the attached resolution.

Attachments: See attached resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE A STATE OF CONNECTICUT URBAN ACT
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 FOR RENOVATION AND REHABILITATION
IMPROVEMENTS AT WOLCOTT PARK**

WHEREAS, the State Bond Commission awarded the Town of West Hartford a grant under the Urban Act program at its September 20, 2018 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Act grant was awarded for improvements at Wolcott Park including an upgrade to park lighting, construction of a new ADA compliant restroom, playground replacement, and other improvements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project is \$1,250,000, 75% (\$750,000) of which will be funded by the grant and 25% (\$500,000) of which is available within existing capital improvement program appropriations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford that the grant awarded under the Urban Act program in the amount of \$750,000 is accepted and the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget of the Capital Projects Fund is hereby amended as follows:

Increase Estimated Revenue

41-831938-80004-9070	State Grant Revenue	\$750,000
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Increase Appropriations

41-831938-80004-3037	Site Improvements	\$750,000
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